

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A Solutioncomposition for colouring a ceramic framework, the compositon comprising:
 - a) a solvent[[,]];
 - b) a metal salt or metal complex, soluble in the solvent, wherein the amount of the metal ions in the solutioncomposition is in the range of 0[[,],01 to 7[[,],0% by weight[[,]]; and
 - c) polyethylene glycol having a Mn in the range of 10,000 to 50,000 in an amount of 1 to 8% by weight of the total composition[[,]];
 - d) optionally a stabilizer,

wherein the metal salt is selected from rare earth elements and/or of the subgroups of the rare earth elements and/or salts of transition metals of the groups IIIA, IVA, VA, VIA, VIIA, VIIIA, IB, IIB.

2. (new) The composition of claim 1 further comprising a stabilizer.

[[2]]3. (currently amended) The composition of Solution according to claim 1, wherein the solution has a viscosity comparable to an aqueous polyethylene glycol solution [[() that is 6% by weight of polyethylene glycol 35,000 (Mn= 14[.],000 to 19[.],000) at 23°C.

[[3]]4. (currently amended) The composition of claim 1 Solution according to anyone of the preceding claims, wherein the solvent further comprises water, methyl alcohol, ethyl alcohol, isopropyl alcohol, n-propyl alcohol, acetone, glycol, or glycerol alone or in admixtures thereof.

[[4]]5. (currently amended) The composition of claim 1 Solution according to anyone of the preceding claims, wherein the anion of the metal salt or metal complex is selected from Cl⁻, Br⁻, J⁻, SO₄²⁻, SO₃²⁻, NO₂⁻, or NO₃⁻.

[[5]]6. (currently amended) The composition of claim 1 ~~solution according to anyone of the preceding claims~~, wherein the metal salt or metal complex contains elements selected from La, Pr, Er, Fe, Co, Ni, Cu or Mn.

[[6]]7. (currently amended) The composition of claim 1 ~~solution according to anyone of the preceding claims, further comprising an additive~~ [[s]] selected from the group consisting of stabilizers, complex builders, beating additives buffers or thixotropic substances.

[[7]]8. (currently amended) A [[P]]process for obtaining a coloured ceramic framework, the process comprising the steps

- a) providing a ceramic framework;
- b) providing [[a]] the solutioncomposition of claim 1; ~~as described in anyone of the preceding claims~~
- c) treating the ceramic framework with the solutioncomposition of b); and
- d) ~~optionally drying the treated ceramic framework~~
- [[e]]d) firing the treated ceramic framework.

9. (new) The process of claim 8, further comprising the step of drying the treated ceramic framework after it has been treated with the composition.

[[8]]10. (currently amended) The [[P]]process according to claim [[7]]8, wherein the ceramic framework is treated with the solutioncomposition for about 1 to 5 minutes at room temperature.

[[9]]11. (currently amended) The [[P]]process according to claim ~~7 or 8~~, wherein the firing takes place for a ZrO₂ based ceramic at a temperature above 1300°C and lasts for at least 0[[,]].5 h and for a Al₂O₃ based ceramic at a temperature above 1350°C and lasts for at least 0[[,]].5 h.

[[10]]12. (currently amended) The [[P]]process according to claims ~~7 to 9~~ 8, wherein the firing takes place at a temperature above about 1300 °C.

[[11]]13. (currently amended) The [[P]]process according to ~~anyone of claims 7 to 10~~ 8, wherein colouring the ceramic framework is ~~achieved~~ treated with the composition by dipping the framework into the composition ~~solution or applying the solution to the framework~~ is achieved by spraying, brushing or by using a sponge or fabric to apply the composition.

[[12]]14. (currently amended) A[[C]]ceramic framework, treated with the composition of a solution as described in anyone of claim[[s]] 1 to 6.

[[13]]15. (currently amended) The[[C]]ceramic framework according to claim [[12]]14, wherein the ceramic is presintered and adsorbent.

[[14]]16. (currently amended) A[[C]]ceramic framework, obtainable from [[a]]the process as described in anyone of claims 7 to 118.

[[15]]17. (currently amended) A[[C]]ceramic framework according to anyone of claims 12 to 14 comprising ZrO₂ or Al₂O₃.

[[16]]18. (currently amended) Use of a solution as described in anyone of the A method for colouring a ceramic framework, the method comprising the step of claims 1 to 6 for treating [[a]]the ceramic framework with the composition of claim 1.

[[17]]19. (currently amended) A method of Use of a solution as described in anyone of the claims 1 to 6 for reducing the sintering deformation of ceramic framework during firing, the method comprising the step of treating the framework with the composition of claim 1.

[[18]]20. (currently amended) The method of Use according to claims 16 or 1718, wherein the ceramic framework is selected from presintered bodies comprising ZrO₂ and/or Al₂O₃.

21. (new) The method of claim 19, wherein the ceramic framework is selected from presintered bodies comprising ZrO₂ and/or Al₂O₃.